Welcome to the March 2020 issue of the Faculty of Science Research Bulletin.

In this issue we meet Melissa Skein in the School of Exercise Science, Sport and Health. Melissa’s primary research focus is the effect of sleep on health and wellbeing and exercise performance.

There is an update from Jane Quinn, Associate Dean Research, regarding funding for internal research support schemes and the importance of submitting funding submissions on time to ensure they are approved on behalf of Charles Sturt.

This issue also contains plenty of information about funding opportunities, including the HDR Equity Travel Grants and several fellowship opportunities. There is also numerous prizes and awards available to scientists, why not put your good work forward?

The bulletin is emailed to all staff and HDR candidates in the Faculty of Science in the first week of each month. If you have a news item, a resource, announcement or a great achievement related to research or HDR candidature you’d like to share, please send it to Deborah or Melanie for inclusion in the next bulletin.

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Welcome to our New Candidates

**Amy Bates** - School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, working with Shawn McGrath, Bruce Allworth, Susan Robertson and Gordon Refshauge. Amy commenced this session full-time on the Wagga Wagga campus.

**Brianna Maslen** - School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, working with Sam Pant and Jason White. Brianna commenced this session full-time on the Wagga Wagga campus.

**Leia Rogers** - School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, working with Raf Freire and Keller Kopf. Leia commenced this session full-time on the Wagga Wagga campus.

**Borkwei Ed Nignpense** - School of Biomedical Sciences, working with Abishek Santhakumar, Nidhish Francis and Chris Blanchard. Borkwei commenced this session full-time on the Wagga Wagga campus.

**Camilla Donnelly** - School of Biomedical Sciences, working with Jade Forwood, Shane Raidal and Justin Roby. Camilla commenced this session full-time on the Wagga Wagga campus.

**Lyle Brewster** – School of Biomedical Sciences, working with John Rae and Bill Green. Lyle commenced this session part-time by distance.

**Jonathan Garner** – School of Community Health, working with Rod Pope, Kristy Robson, Tracey Parnell and Kate Freire. Jonathan commenced this session full-time on the Bathurst campus.

**Lauren Stoot** - School of Environmental Sciences, working with Lee Baumgartner, Julia Howitt, Gavin Butler and Jason Thiem. Lauren commenced this session full-time on the Albury campus.

**Mitchell Cowan** - School of Environmental Sciences, working with Dale Nimmo, Judy Dunlop, and Jodi Price. Mitchell commenced this session full-time by distance.

**Thomas Munro** - School of Environmental Sciences, working with Jodi Price and Dale Nimmo. Thomas commenced this session full-time on the Albury campus.

*Please make them feel welcome.*
Applications are open for the [Equity Travel and Conference Travel Grants](#).

**The Equity Travel Grant** is to support travel for Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Candidates for the following activities;
- data collection, including conducting interviews in a field location,
- travel to utilise equipment or resources not available at Charles Sturt University,
- access specialist archives, museums, libraries and galleries,
- travel for essential consultation with their supervisor(s).

**The Conference Travel Grant** provides financial assistance to HDR Candidates to attend an academic conference and present their work during the course of their candidature.

Candidates in receipt of a scholarship with operating funding will not normally be approved for funding unless exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. Please see the website for further information about eligibility and how to apply.

Note: There is a limited amount of funds allocated per year, and therefore, grants will only be awarded if funding is available.

**Candidates at Maximum Candidature**

A quick reminder for all students that have a maximum enrolment session of 201960, you must submit your thesis for examination on or before 5pm **Friday 27 March 2020** or apply for an [extension of candidature](#) by no later than **Friday 13 March 2020**.

Failure to do so may result in a notice to show cause as to why your candidature should not be terminated being issued.

If you are unsure of when your maximum session of enrolment is, have any questions about the submission of your thesis or the process of applying for an extension please don’t hesitate to contact Melanie.

**Graduate Research – Support Services**

Your friendly Graduate Research team, within the Research Office, can assist and support you in the following areas:

- Enrolment issues
- My Research portal
- Administrative matters – including Leave requests
- Probation and confirmation of candidature
- Candidate milestones and deadlines
- Progress reports
- Supervisor appointment
- Scholarship support
- Examination and Thesis Submission
- HDR Forms and Policies

You can access further information via our website or by contacting us, please see details below, including a new direct email address to improve service levels:

**Website:** [https://research.csu.edu.au/research-support/current-research-students](https://research.csu.edu.au/research-support/current-research-students)

**Email:** graduateresearch@csu.edu.au  **Phone:** (02) 6933 2578

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EMBL Australia PhD Course

Get a head start on your research by attending the 7th EMBL Australia PhD Course in Canberra. The two-week course is modelled on the pre-doc training program at the prestigious European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), and it covers the latest ideas and advances in molecular biology and life sciences.

There will be multiple keynote speakers throughout the course, commencing on the first day with Prof. Colin Jackson (ANU) and a special welcome from Prof. James Whisstock (Scientific Head of EMBL Australia). Daily sessions comprise both lectures and practical workshops and are hosted by leading Australian and international scientists.

First and second-year PhD students from around Australia are invited to apply. The course will take place from 13 to 24 July 2020 at the Australian National University (ANU).

There is no fee to attend and EMBL Australia will provide accommodation in Canberra, as well as most meals.

Applications close 15 March.

Applications can be submitted online at: www.emblaustralia.org/studentopportunities/embl-australia-phdcourse
For enquiries, contact student.admin@emblaustralia.org For more information on all of EMBL Australia’s programs head to emblaustralia.org

Associate Dean Research’s Research Update

It has definitely been a challenging start to the year for all, and budgets are tight right across the University. Please be mindful of your spending on internal and externally funded projects to make the best use of our resources at this time. We are all being asked to be mindful about our discretionary budgets and can all play our part in this process. We’ll see increasing use of videoconference and teleconference to avoid unnecessary travel, and any way that you can reduce your financial footprint with regard to your research will be appreciated.

We are looking at a year where all spending on research will be tight, our numbers of HDR scholarships may be marginally reduced, so looking externally for opportunities is as important as ever. We are happy to help scope opportunities and provide advice on schemes so please get in touch if you see an opportunity you want to pursue.

Negotiations are still ongoing for FOS to access funding for staff and HDR schemes under the new compact funding model. The good news is that several of our FOS schemes will be rolled out University wide, giving all staff the opportunity to access funding. These include the ‘Return to Research’ scheme, Open Access publishing scheme as well as support for Pd@CSU, the Charles Sturt Post Doc and ECR society. More information on how to access these schemes will be released once the budgets are finalised and approved. Our HDR Symposium will go ahead and we shall begin planning for that event in the coming weeks.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All staff – please give sufficient time to get your funding applications through the internal sign-off process. The research office, and myself as ADR, has seen an increasing trend in late or incomplete funding application submissions through the system. This is a problem as this risks applications not being approved for submission by the University, a situation we very much want to avoid.

So, please can all staff be very mindful of the Research Office submission timelines for grant applications (usually 10 working days prior to the external submission date). There has been an increasing trend for ‘late’ applications coming through the system, ones that we are struggling to get through the internal sign-off processes, with the necessary time. Please can all staff review the submission timelines again and take particular note of the following requirements:
1. All grant applications must be submitted with a completed NTS, signed by your relative HoS, then myself as ADR or your Centre Director (whichever is relevant) as well as all CSU staff collaborating on the project.

2. The NTS needs to be accompanied by a complete copy of the proposal, a completed BAF, any additional documentation including letters of support or emails confirming leverage commitments or external funding contributions, and the guidelines for the funding scheme.

3. If your funding application is fully on-line then you must attached screenshots or a download of the application. This is not negotiable. We cannot sign-off on a proposal that has not been provided with the NTS.

4. Do not leave this until the last minute. Make sure you approach your HoS early to make sure they are aware that your proposal and NTS package will be coming through, and that this is then forwarded to your ADR or Centre Director, and the RO in good time to get this done bearing in mind that not everyone in the chain will be available same day to respond to your documents.

5. Please be aware that any grant with a value over $1M has to be signed off by the Vice Chancellor, so additional time will be needed for this. Do not leave large grants to the last minute.

6. There are more detailed approaches needed for ARC and NHMRC submission, please contact your Centre Director, ADR and the Research Office if you are planning to submit to one of these, or another Government or Federal funding scheme. These cannot be done at the last minute.

7. Please make sure that any students wishing to submit scholarship applications are also aware of this timeline and process, as these still require an NTS and submission by the Charles Sturt staff member who is the student’s primary supervisor.

8. Small individual travel awards do not require an NTS or submission through the RO unless this is for a national scheme.

9. Please be aware if you do not give sufficient time for this process your grant application may not be approved for submission to the funding body.

10. Just because you have submitted dozens of grants before does not mean you can avoid this process. All staff have a responsibility to either ask for help or do the right thing. Mistake will be forgiven, wilful avoidance of process will not!

11. If you have any questions or issues arising about grant submission processes and guidelines, please contact your Faculty Research Liaison Officer, ADR or Centre admin team, or the Research Office in sufficient time to let us help you get this process right. We are here to help!

We have attached the submission timeline graphic to help you with the process – pin this to your wall!

Jane Quinn – Associate Dean Research (Science) – FOS-ADR@csu.edu.au

Getting to Know – Dr Melissa Skein

This month we get to know Dr Melissa Skein. Melissa is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Exercise Science, Sport and Health (SESSH). Melissa is also the HDR Coordinator for SESSH. Melissa has been employed at CSU for 8 years and is based on the Bathurst campus.

How long have you been at CSU?

I have been employed at CSU for 8 years, however, I completed my undergraduate and postgraduate degrees here, which makes a total of 16 years at CSU in various capacities.

Have you worked at another institution?

I have spent some time on a teaching contract at Massey University in New Zealand following collaborative research work with their School of Sport and Exercise.

What are your research specialities?
My background is in Exercise Physiology, with particular interest in sport and exercise performance. My research focus is two-fold, examining the effect of fatigue on exercise behaviour and performance; and secondly, the relationship between sleep, exercise and appetite.

**Are you currently working on any research projects?**

Most of my work at present is at the writing manuscripts phase from previous projects. These manuscripts range from the effect of a 6-week exercise training intervention on sleep, mood and eating behaviours; the impact of deception of knowledge on pacing strategies and neural activity in cycling; to the effects of cold-water immersion on Rugby Sevens performance.

**Who is funding your research?**

Most research has been supported by FoS Seed Grants.

**What would be your key piece of advice for a new researcher?**

Celebrate the wins, even the small ones…. and don’t be afraid to ask for help or guidance.

**What do you do away from CSU?** Spending time with my family, camping/kayaking adventures, yoga and baking.

*Thanks Mel for taking the time to be interviewed.*
NHMRC and ARC Release Collaborative Research Guide

To assist researchers and institutions, NHMRC, the Australian Research Council (ARC) and Universities Australia (UA) developed the *Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research 2018* (the 2018 Code), which is a major revision of the Code published in 2007. The 2018 Code was published in June 2018 and took effect on 1 July 2019.

To support the implementation of the 2018 Code, NHMRC, the ARC and UA are developing a suite of guides, one of which is the *Collaborative Research Guide*. These guides provide further detail on principles and responsibilities outlined in the 2018 Code and inform the development of policy at the institutional level.

To download the *Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research 2018* & supporting guides visit [NHMRC](#).

Research Funding Categories Explained

You may have read in the Draft Research Strategy about the aim to increase funding in particular funding categories. But do you know what the categories encompass?

In Australia, all research income is categorised by the Australian Government via the Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC) as part of the funding calculation for universities. Universities must provide HERDC with reports on their Research & Development (R&D) income each year. HERDC groups the income into four categories:

- **Category 1**: Australian competitive grant R&D income
- **Category 2**: Other public sector R&D income
- **Category 3**: Industry and other R&D income
- **Category 4**: Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) R&D income

**Category 1 - Australian Competitive Grants** consists only of nationally competitive research schemes/programs. For example most Australian Research Council (ARC) or National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) grants are classed as Category 1 funding.

Until 2018 the Commonwealth Government provided a list of all Category 1 grants via the Australian Competitive Grants Register (ACGR), however the 2018 ACGR was the last centralised register to be published. A new self-assessment pack is available from the Department of Education and Training site [here](#).

**Category 2** comprises funding from other government sources, including:

- Australian Government schemes and business enterprises
- State and local governments and partly government owned or funded bodies
- Research income from CRCs in which the University is not a core participant or signatory

**Category 3** consists of funding opportunities from funders outside of Australia that are open to Australian researchers, as well as all funding opportunities from industry and from other Australian funders that do not fall into one of the other categories.

**Category 4** consists of the Australian government’s Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) programme.

Don’t get caught up too much on the category of funding.

When you are ready to apply for a grant or funds please feel free to contact your HOS or either the Associate Dean Research (ADR) – Jane Quinn - [FOS-ADR@csu.edu.au](mailto:FOS-ADR@csu.edu.au) or Faculty Research Liaison Officer – Deborah Munns - [FOS-RLO@csu.edu.au](mailto:FOS-RLO@csu.edu.au) for assistance. The [Research Hub](#) Website is also a good place to obtain information.

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**Research Tip – Don’t forget to include the CNL in your budget**

It has been noted that some recent grant applications have not included the Competitive Neutrality Levy (CNL) in the budget. At an institutional level, the University is obligated through Australian Government legislation to apply the Competitive Neutrality Levy (referred to as CNL) where funding is received for research purposes under a competitive basis.

**Exemptions to the CNL** are granted under one of the following conditions:

- If funding body guidelines exclude charging for indirect research costs
- If projects are worth less than $20,000
- If funding is for a scholarship for HDR students
- If the grants are from registered charities and community groups.

Applicants are encouraged to utilise the [Budget Approval Form](#) as a budget cost builder when developing a research budget. Further information in relation to the CNL can be accessed on the Budget Approval Form User Guide at Section 4 – Indirect Project Costs.

If you are unsure about the applicability of CNL to your research budget please contact either the Associate Dean Research (ADR) – Jane Quinn - FOS-ADR@csu.edu.au or Faculty Research Liaison Officer – Deborah Munns - FOS-RLO@csu.edu.au for assistance. Seeking confirmation early on this expenditure will ensure you can correctly budget for this expense if required.

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**Please note that all applications for external funding must be submitted to the CSU Research Office 10 working days prior to the granting bodies closing date with a completed Notice to Submit (NTS) form including all signatures of researchers, HOS and ADR.**

**ACU Early Career Conference Grants 2020**

Early Career Conference Grants fund emerging researchers who have not yet had the opportunity to travel internationally beyond their region to present at overseas conferences. Applications for the Early Career Conference Grants are now open. 25 grants of up to GBP 2000 are available in 2020. **Closing date 25 March 2020.** (RO closing date 12 March 2020) For more information see [Association of Commonwealth Universities](#).

**APEC 2020 ASPIRE Prize**

The Australian Academy of Science invites applications from Australian researchers for the APEC Science Prize for Innovation, Research and Education (ASPIRE Prize) for 2020.

The ASPIRE Prize is an annual award which recognises young scientists from APEC economies who have demonstrated a commitment to both excellence in scientific research, as evidenced by scholarly publication, and cooperation with scientists from other APEC member economies.
The theme chosen for this year is **Biodiversity for a Prosperous Economy**. This theme focuses on scientists’ contributions to biodiversity for prosperous economies across the APEC region by driving research that contributes to local livelihoods, traditional and modern medicines, and economic development.

To be eligible, Australian researchers must be under 40 years of age at 31 December 2020 and be an Australian citizen, or an Australian permanent resident who is a citizen of an APEC member economy and living in Australia at time of application. **Closes 24 April 2020.** For more information [ASPIRE prize](#).

** The 2016 winner was Charles Sturt’s Dr Lee Baumgartner.**

![Eureka Prizes](image)

**Eureka Prizes – Now open**

The Australian Museum Eureka Prizes are the country’s most comprehensive national science awards, honouring excellence across the areas of research & innovation, leadership, science engagement, and school science.

Presented annually in partnership with some of the nation's leading scientific institutions, government organisations, universities and corporations, the Eureka Prizes raise the profile of science and science engagement in the community by celebrating outstanding achievement. More information [here](#). Applications close **1 May 2020.**

**2020 Churchill Fellowships**

Applications are now open for this unique, prestigious yet accessible award that is presented to more than 100 Australians every year!

It enables recipients to travel overseas for four to eight weeks so they can meet and work with leaders of influence to gain and exchange knowledge and experience for the betterment of themselves, their industry or community and Australia.

*No prescribed qualifications are required* in order to apply for a Churchill Fellowship and the scope of topics that can be proposed is limitless, provided a benefit to Australia is evident and a willingness to share the knowledge gained is demonstrated.

Churchill Fellowships have been offered in Australia since 1965 to perpetuate and honour the memory of British Prime Minister and war-time leader, Sir Winston Churchill. High international regard for the connection between Churchill and the award given in his name provides recipients with access to expertise that is not typically available to everyone.


- The Churchill Fellowship information session in *Albury* is scheduled for 12 March 2020.
The ICM Agrifood Awards

The ICM Agrifood Awards recognise and acknowledge the outstanding work of two early career scientists or technologists.

The awardees will have achieved substantial peer/industry recognition for their work in a field critical to continued improvement of the overall Australian food sector in the past five years. The award is made to one female and one male.

Winners each receive $5000, sponsored by ICM Agribusiness, one of Australia’s major agribusiness groups. The Awards are administered by the Academy. The winners will be awarded at the Innovation and Excellence Awards dinner on 11 June 2020 in Melbourne.

Nominations are now open and close 9am AEST Wednesday 25 March 2020.

Please see ICM Agrifood Awards for further information.

Other opportunities

Holsworth Wildlife Research Endowment - Holsworth Endowment invites applications for post-graduate student research support in ecology, wildlife management and natural history studies. 2020 Round 1 Applications will open April 1 2020 and close April 30 2020. (RO closing date 16 April 2020)

MS Research Australia – Project Grants – Closing 27 March 2020 (RO closing date 9am 16 March 2020)

Birdlife Australia – Student awards various – Closing 31 March 2020 (RO closing date 17 March 2020)

ARC Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities 2021 – Closing 1 April 2020 (RO closing date 18 March 2020)

NSW Health Translational Research Grants (Round 5) – Universities can be partners - EOI must be submitted to the local TRGS Coordinator for internal selection by 9 April 2020. Expressions of Interest close on 13 May 2020

Ian Potter Foundation – Community Wellbeing and Early Childhood Development – Closing Friday 17 April 2020 (RO closing date 6 April 2020)

Endeavour Foundation Disability Research Fund - Closing 17 April 2020 (RO closing date 9am 6 April 2020)

Gates Foundation Grand Challenges (Global health and development problems) – Closing 22 April 2020 (RO closing date 8 April 2020)

NHMRC Ideas Grants – Minimum data requirements 8 April 2020, Closing 6 May 2020. (Contact RO now)

The April 2020 funding opportunities list was emailed to all academic staff on Friday, 28 February– If you would like to receive the list, please contact Deborah Munns - FOS-RLO@csu.edu.au

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Library Research Focus – Join Expert Connect

Charles Sturt is encouraging researchers with relevant expertise in bushfire response, resilience and recovery, to join the Australian CSIRO Expert Connect platform.

Expert Connect will gather data from ORCiD, Clarivate (Web of Science /Publons) IP Australia, The Australian Research Data Commons, ARC and NHMRC grants, and The Conversation to automatically create and update Expert Connect profiles. https://expertconnect.global/

Here’s what you need to do:
Your ORCiD profile will need specific settings for the data to be made available in Expert Connect.

The required ORCiD settings are:
• Make sure your ORCID profile is public (not set as Private)
• Your ORCID profile includes your employment details at Charles Sturt
• Your employed date for Charles Sturt is set, e.g. “2017-present’

You may see a profile already available in Expert Connect.
• You will need to use Register Now with your Charles Sturt email address as your username, to create your login and claim your profile.
• An email will be sent to you to confirm your ownership of the profile.

Need more information or help?
If you would like more information or advice on setting up your profile, contact your Faculty Team Senior Client Services Librarian.

Upcoming Library Training Sessions for March:

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<td><strong>Literature review using EndNote &amp; NVivo – An introduction</strong>&lt;br/&gt;With your new skills with Nvivo, you can now learn how to use EndNote and Nvivo to manage and write your literature review. You can import EndNote data into Nvivo and you can cite details from you Nvivo analysis. [Design &amp; Discover]</td>
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Writing Workshops and Boot Camps - March

The next bootcamp for research-writers will take place on Monday the 23rd of March. Everyone is welcome to join us, and set aside some quality time to focus on your goals (writing, editing, planning, reading, analysis, etc.)

We are friendly and focussed, and people report that they often get more done during bootcamp than on any normal day of work.

Writing workshops

**Critical Writing** – Part 1 – Monday, 9th March, 10am-11:30 – Details & registration: https://connect.csu.edu.au/critwrit1day/event/event_info.html

**Critical Writing** – Part 1 – *Evening session* - Monday, 9th March, 6pm-7:30 – Details & registration: https://connect.csu.edu.au/critwrit1eve/event/event_info.html

**Critical Writing** – Part 2 – Tuesday, 10th March, 10am-11:30 – Details & registration: https://connect.csu.edu.au/critwrit2day/event/event_info.html

**Critical Writing** – Part 2 – *Evening session* - Tuesday, 10th March, 6pm-7:30 – Details & registration: https://connect.csu.edu.au/critwrit1eve/event/event_info.html

**Writing More Clearly** – Part 1 – Wednesday 18th March, 12:30-2pm – Details & registration: https://connect.csu.edu.au/writclear1day/event/event_info.html

**Writing More Clearly** – Part 1 – *Evening session* - Wednesday 18th March, 6-7:30pm – Details & registration: https://connect.csu.edu.au/writclear1eve/event/event_info.html


**Writing More Clearly** – Part 2 – *Evening session* - Thursday 19th March, 6-7:30pm – Details & registration: https://connect.csu.edu.au/writclear2eve/event/event_info.html

Doctoral researchers and all other staff and students are welcome. Questions? Contact Cassily Charles: ccharles@csu.edu.au

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Science Pathways 2020: Global dialogues

The EMCR Forum invites all early- and mid-career researchers to join us at the premier conference in Australia for career development of EMCRs from academia, industry and government.

Science Pathways 2020 promises to be bigger and better than ever by shifting the conversation to think globally. The event will be held on **6–7 July 2020** at Deakin Downtown in Melbourne.

You will explore how research and researchers can cross international boundaries to contribute to and lead global efforts in tackling society’s greatest challenges.

Through engagement with international partner organisations, Science Pathways 2020 will provide the platform for you to discuss, debate and plan your career in the global context. This will be done in the welcoming, constructive and inclusive environment synonymous with EMCR Forum events.

Science Pathways 2020 offers unique opportunities to network with leading scientific professionals from some of Australia’s top organisations in public and private enterprise, and to engage and have your say in sessions on issues relevant for EMCRs.

**Early-bird tickets are available for just $255 per person**. Registration includes attendance and catering at the two-day conference, and a ticket to the networking function. More information is available at Science Pathways 2020
Finally…. forests too precious to lose

Celebrate the importance of all types of forests on International Day of Forests (IDF) on 21 March.

To celebrate this year’s theme, Forests and Biodiversity, the United Nations is asking you to take photos of extraordinary and unusual forest plants or animals. They might have an interesting appearance, behave in unexpected ways, have unique benefits, or they might be extraordinary because of what they represent for local communities. Deadline for entries is 16 March 2020. Get clicking!

Next Issue:

Best wishes, Melanie from all…

On behalf of all staff in the Faculty of Science we extend our best wishes to Melanie Snell who is getting married in March. We hope that everything goes smoothly on the big day. May the years ahead be filled with lasting joy and happiness.

The next issue will be released in the first week of April 2020. If you would like to contribute a story to the next issue please send it to Deborah or Melanie by the 23rd of March 2020.

Until next issue.......

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